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TO Chief of Station, Germany
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SUBJECT [GENERAL GROOVY/AGREED ACTIVITIES
SPECIFIC Traces on Wilhelm DIETRICH

References: A. STUT-5579, 28 May 1958.
B. VIEN-3136, 3 June 1958.

Action Required: None.

1. Inspector Wilhelm DIETRICH, born 24 December 1910, in Welfurt, Vorarlberg Province, Austria, was in contact with the Austrian Station from May 1951 to August 1952 and received 2000 AS per month for reporting on the KPOs and on Austrian intelligence circles. He was a gendarmerie official assigned to the Investigation Section of the Vorarlberg Gendarmerie Headquarters at the time. Attempts to exploit his intelligence potential proved that there was little to be gained by using him. He was dropped because his information was marginal and because of the surplus of police sources already on the payroll.

2. According to information in Headquarters' files, Subject's links with ODOPAL Lins were broken before he became an Austrian Station contact. He broke his contacts with USAGE and UPSWING in 1951. Until 1951, he was an unwitting sub-source of the Israeli IS. It is not clear when his indirect contacts to the French IS and to MIS were broken.

3. When [] a KUBARK case officer, accused DIETRICH of fabricating reports, he admitted that he was guilty of allowing information to be distributed which he recognized as false or misleading, and that he had deliberately controlled the flow of his reports so that very old information was often passed to improve the appearance of his current production. DIETRICH insisted that he was tremendously overworked and that his superiors seemed to be more interested in the quantity than in the quality of his production. He added that he was pushed to produce information

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on Communists which he did not consider terribly important and that he had little time to devote to acquiring and checking the type of information he considered really worthwhile.

4. Our files contain voluminous material on Subject. Complete traces are not being forwarded to you since Reference A asks only if DIETRICH is of current interest to KUBARK and does not request traces on him. According to our records, KUBARK has not had any contact with the Subject of this request since August 1952. Headquarters traces are not yet completed on DIETRICH, but if any significant information is turned up in them, it will be pushed to you in the near future.

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